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# ***ANTICORRP WP 5: From Åland to Ankara – Quality of Government in 206 European regions***

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# Presentation Overview

1. Motivation
2. Defining the concepts and Looking at Corruption and QoG at the National level in Europe
3. 2013 Pan-European Survey on regional level governance – main idea & summary
4. Where does Bulgaria rank and why?



# Motivation for EQI: Governance & Corruption in Europe

- Not just a problem for 'developing countries'
- *"The links between corruption and the ongoing financial and fiscal crisis in these countries can no longer be ignored,"* (Finn Heinrich, TI, 2012)
- *"Corruption in Greece Continues Virtually Unchecked"* (Der Spiegel, 2012)
- The European Commission has described corruption as a *"disease that destroys a country from within"* and that *"Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain – the euro zone's most financially troubled nations – have deeply rooted problems in their public administration, namely that officials are not accountable for their actions"* (Irish Times, 2012)



# Defining & Measuring Governance (QoG) in General

- Key building concepts:
  1. **Impartiality** (Rothstein and Teorell 2008)
  2. **Corruption**, Definition: «Public abuse for private gain»
  3. **Quality/ effectiveness** (Kaufmann, Kraay & Mastruzzi, 2009)
- Although QoG measures still imperfect, improving in both scope and availability world-wide
- like some measures of 'democracy', many measures of QoG are mostly SUBJECTIVE, built mostly on opinions by experts, firms, citizens, NGO's, etc. Although others being developed..
- Quantitative studies are only a piece of the puzzle



# Measuring Governance in EU

GROUP	Country	WGI Score	World Rank	EU Rank	Non-EU Equivilant
Group 1	DENMARK	2.42	1	1	NEW ZEALAND
	SWEDEN	2.22	3	2	NEW ZEALAND
	FINLAND	2.19	4	3	SWITZERLAND
	LUXEMBOURG	2.17	5	4	CANADA
	NETHERLANDS	2.17	6	5	CANADA
Group 2	GERMANY	1.69	16	6	BARBADOS
	BELGIUM	1.58	17	7	CHILE
	UK	1.54	19	8	JAPAN
	FRANCE	1.51	20	9	JAPAN
	IRELAND	1.50	22	10	JAPAN
	AUSTRIA	1.44	23	11	United States
Group 3	PORTUGAL	1.09	37	12	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
	SPAIN	1.06	41	13	QATAR
	CYPRUS	0.96	44	14	BOTSWANA
	SLOVENIA	0.93	45	15	BOTSWANA
	ESTONIA	0.91	46	16	TAIWAN, CHINA
	MALTA	0.91	47	17	TAIWAN, CHINA
Group 4	POLAND	0.51	61	18	COSTA RICA
	HUNGARY	0.34	70	19	CUBA
	CZECH REP.	0.32	71	20	VANUATU
	SLOVAK REP.	0.29	72	21	BAHRAIN
	LITHUANIA	0.29	73	22	BAHRAIN
	LATVIA	0.21	78	23	BRAZIL
Group 5	CROATIA	0.02	87	24	SOUTH AFRICA
	ITALY	-0.01	91	25	JORDAN
	GREECE	-0.15	94	26	GEORGIA
	BULGARIA ←	-0.17	95	27	PERU
	ROMANIA	-0.20	96	28	TUNISIA

Lots of indicators:

1. TI's CPI

**2. WGI  
(corruption)**

3. ICRG

4. Freedom House

5. Eurobarometer & more...

Bulgaria's rank, 27th

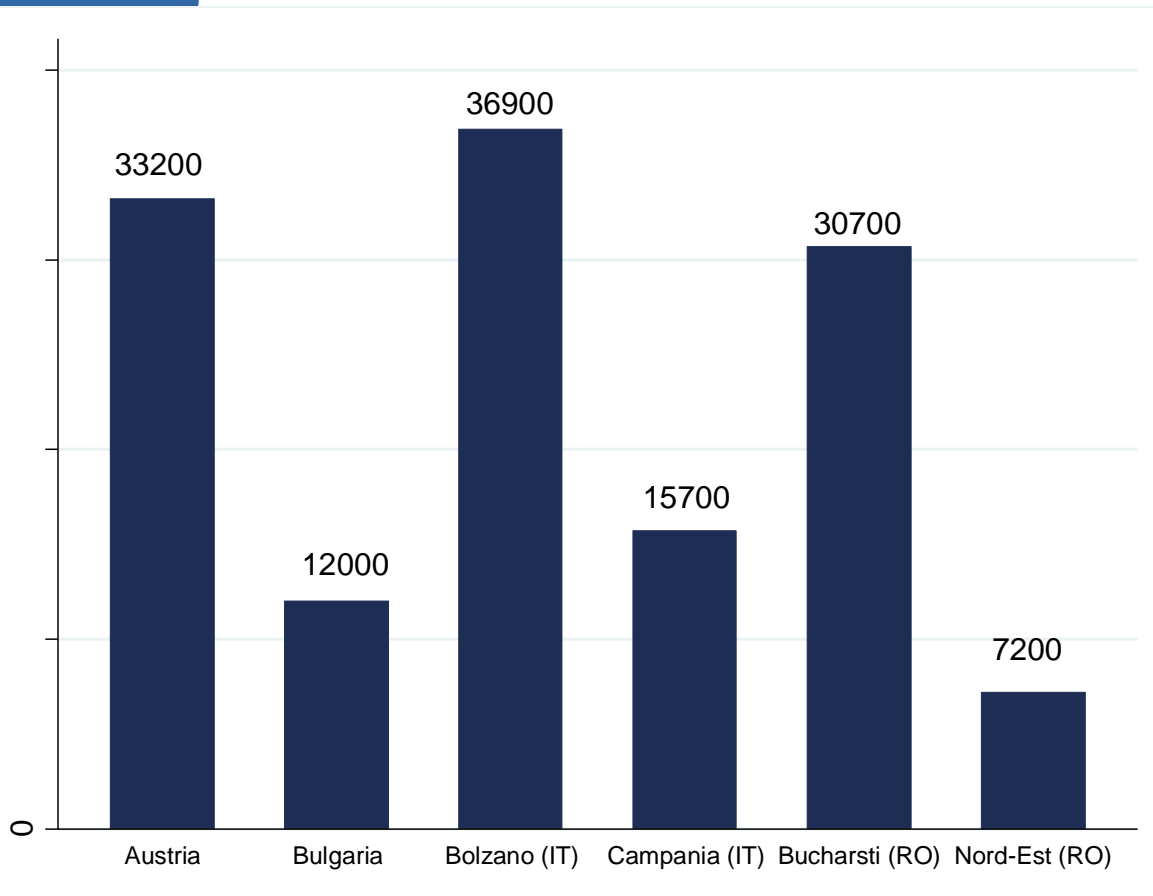


# What about below the country level?

- EU is a community of regions (ERDF, REGIO, structural funds, etc.)
- Regional difference in many measures of development wider than state differences
- If we believe that governance explains cross-country differences in development, then they should also explain regional ones...
- For example..



# GDP per capita, (PPP) 2012: differences in countries & regions in EU (source: Eurostat)



(minus Lux), **EU**: richest country (AT) is about 21000 wealthier than poorest (BG) per head.

Difference is 21200 euro per capita between Bolzano-Bozen & Campania

Gap of 23500 euro per head is even larger between Bucharest region and Nord Est



# The 'European Quality of Government Index' (EQI)

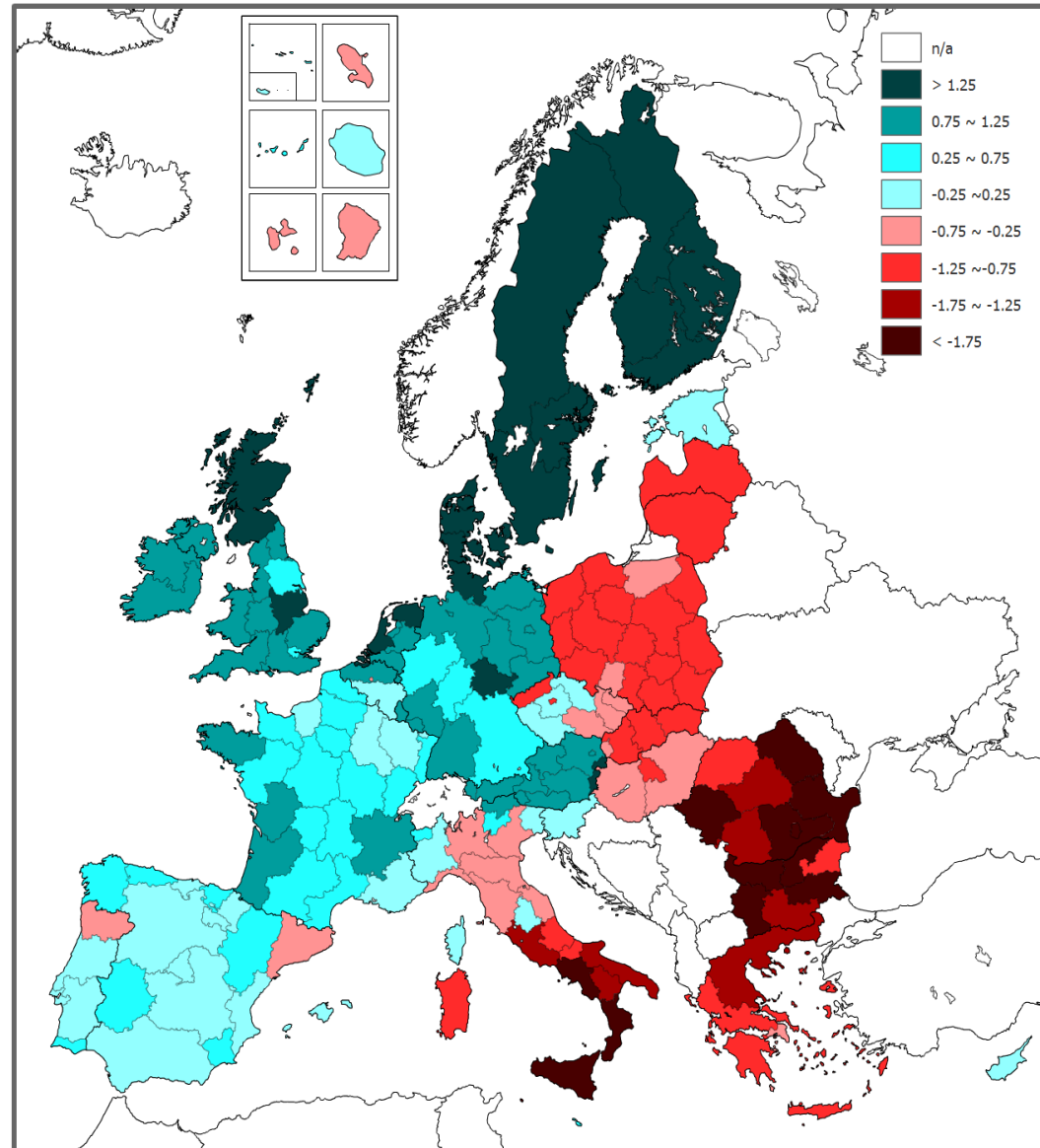
- Almost all existing corruption/ QoG data (from the mid-1990s) at national-level
- 2010: we presented 1st (and only) multi-country, sub national data on QoG to date. Funded by EU Commission (REGIO)
- based on a citizen-survey of 34,000 respondents in EU
- 16 QoG-focused (all translated into country languages) questions on:
  - personal experiences & perceptions
  - of the Quality, Corruption & Impartiality...
  - ...on Education, Health care, and Law Enforcement *in one's area*

**2013: we build on this past research in Anticorrp with a survey of 85,200 residents in 24 countries, 206 regions**



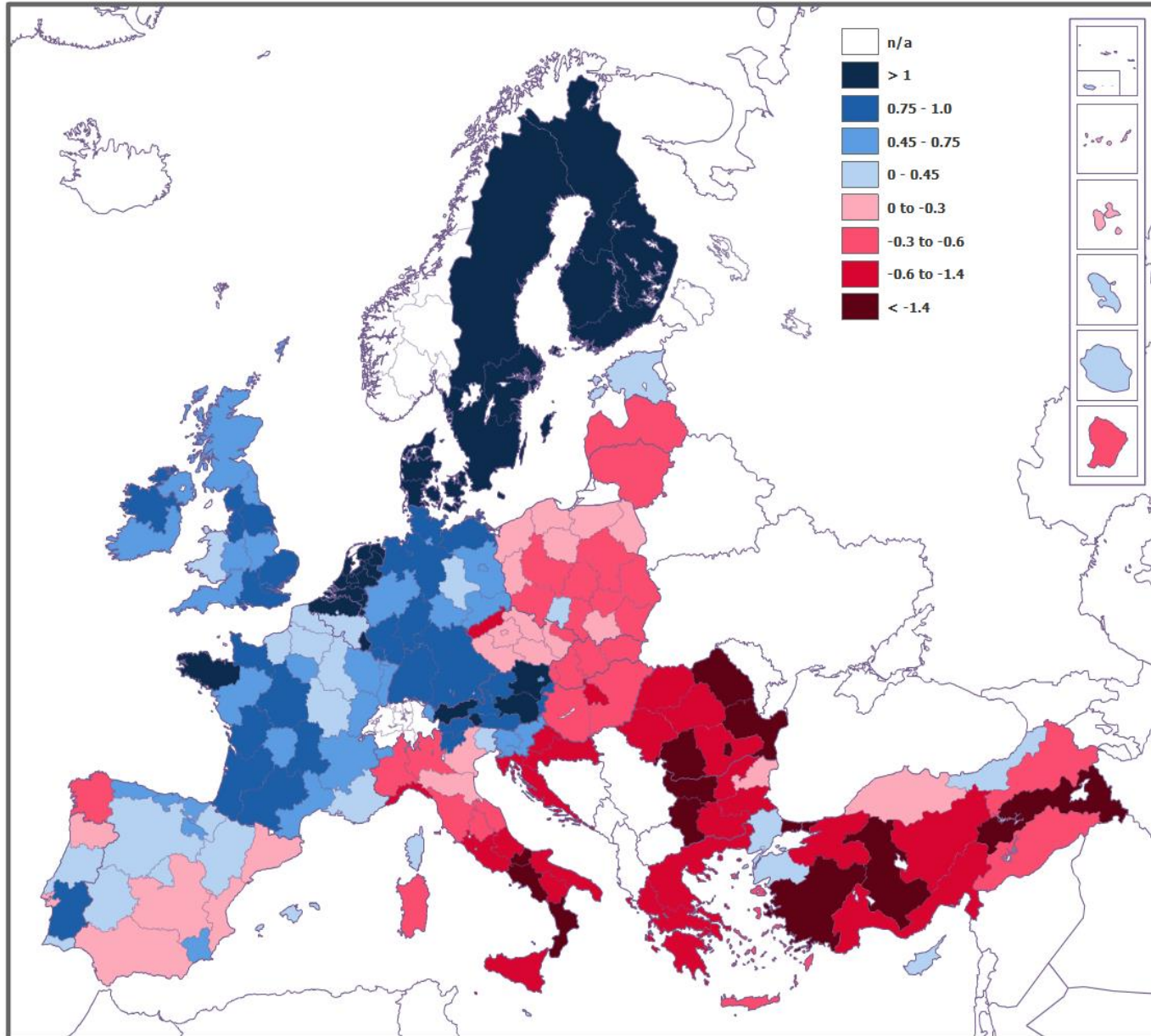


# The EQI: 2010



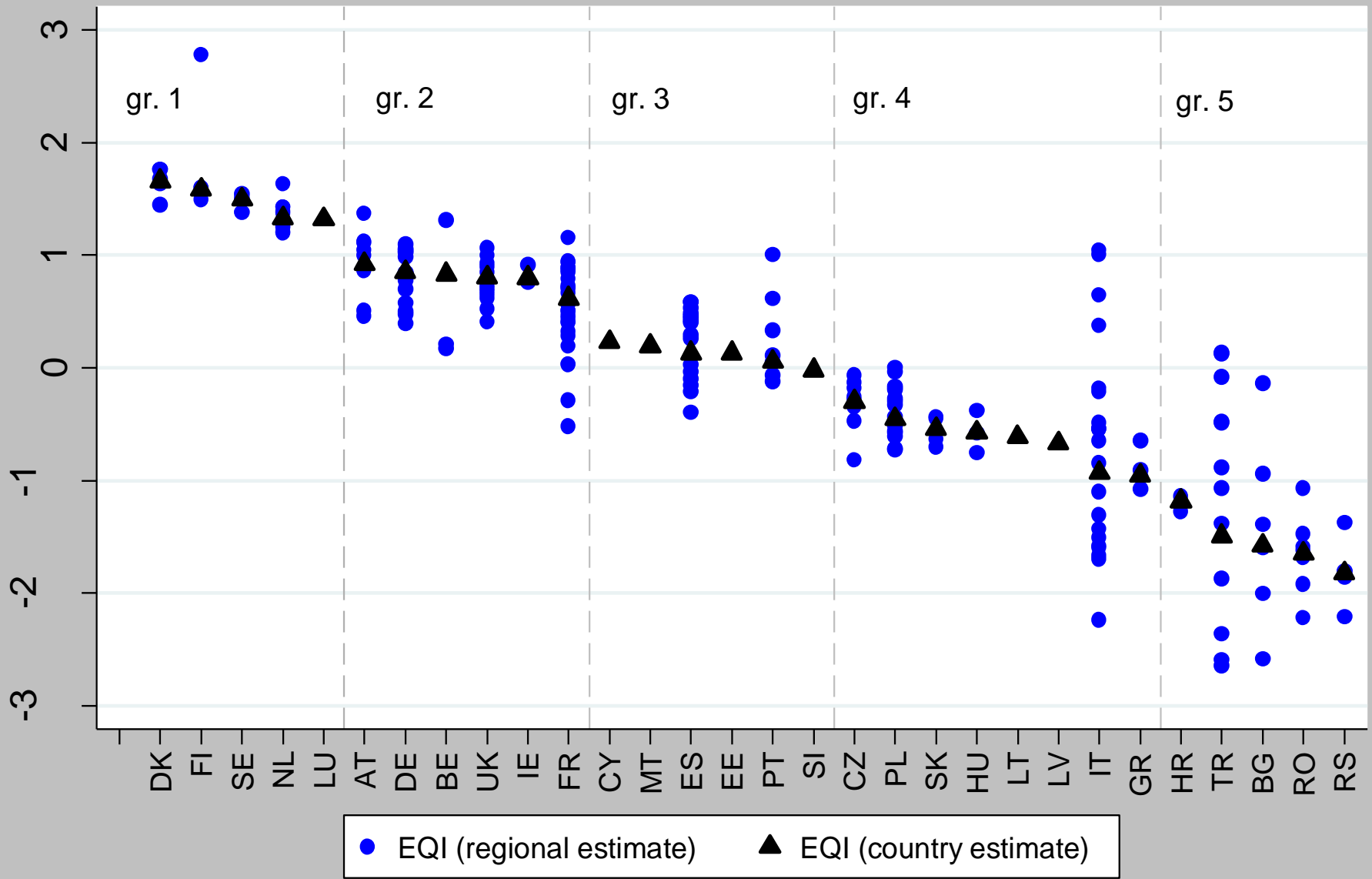


# EQI 2013



# EQI 2013: National Averages and Regional Variation

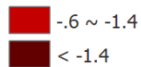
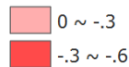
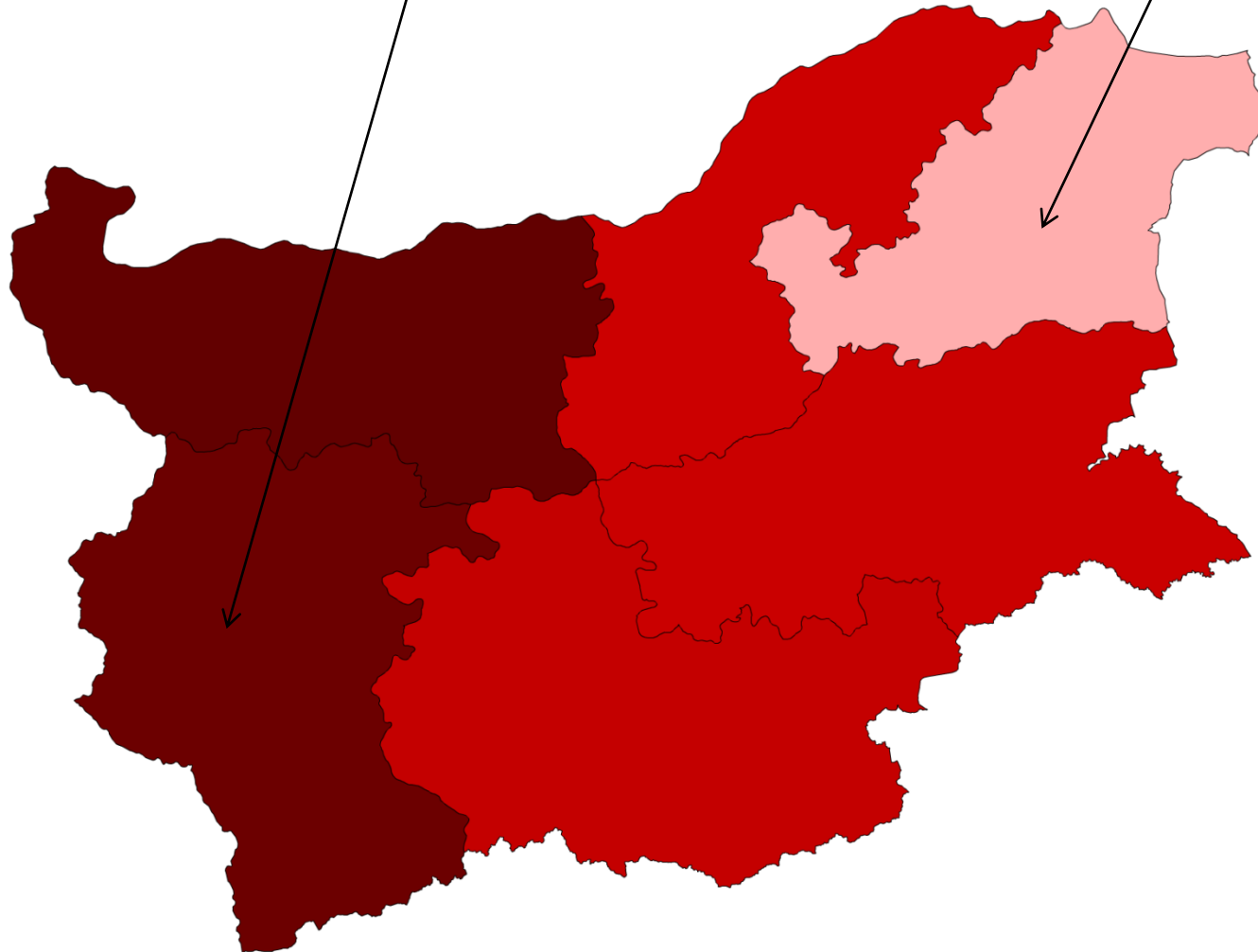
in rank order and separated by cluster groupings





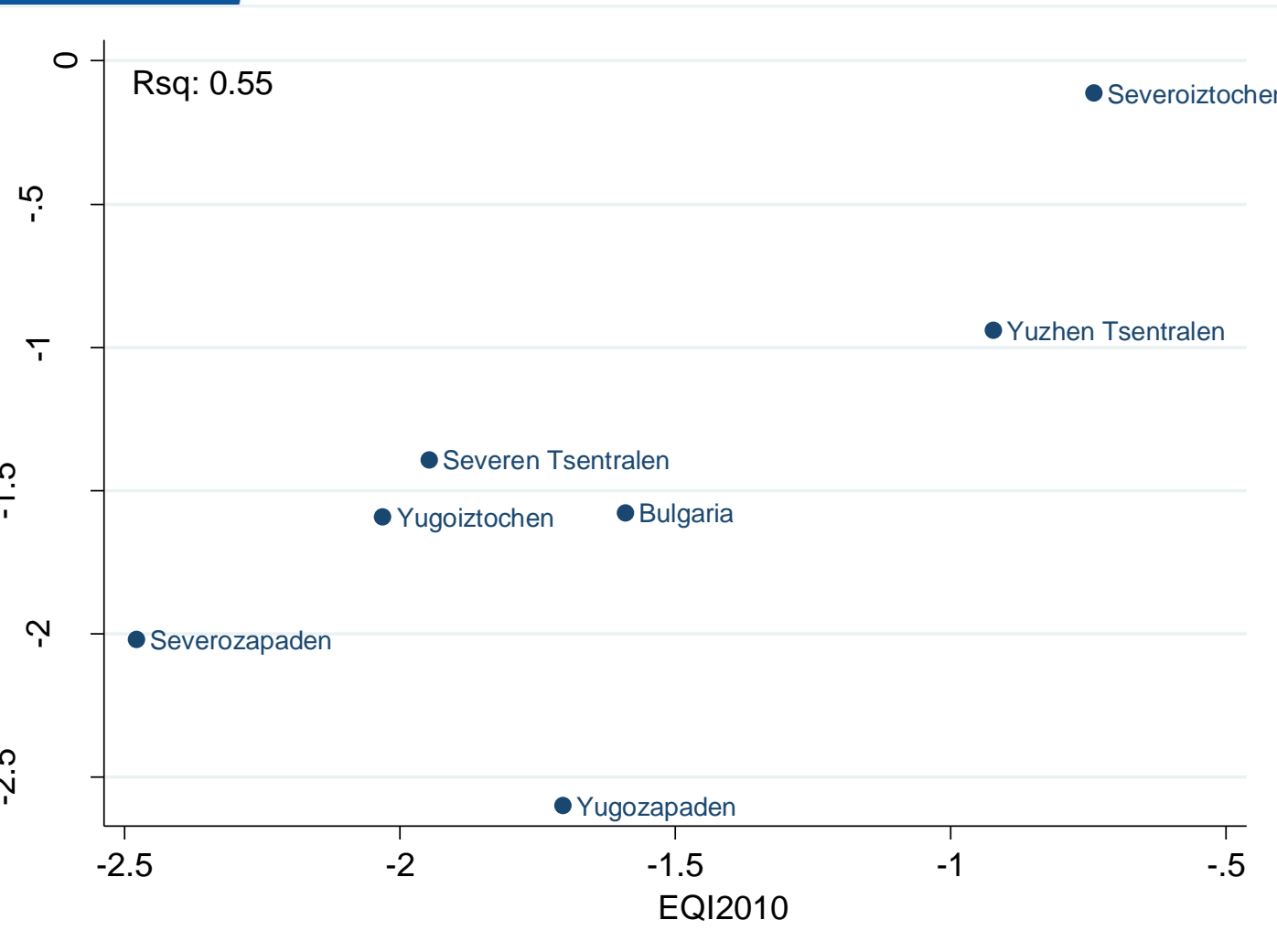
# Within Bulgaria: NUTS 2 regions

Low region (BG34)    High region (BG33)





# 2010 vs. 2013 EQI for BG NUTS 2 regions



- Estimates mostly consistent for 2010 and 2013.
- Drop in capital region

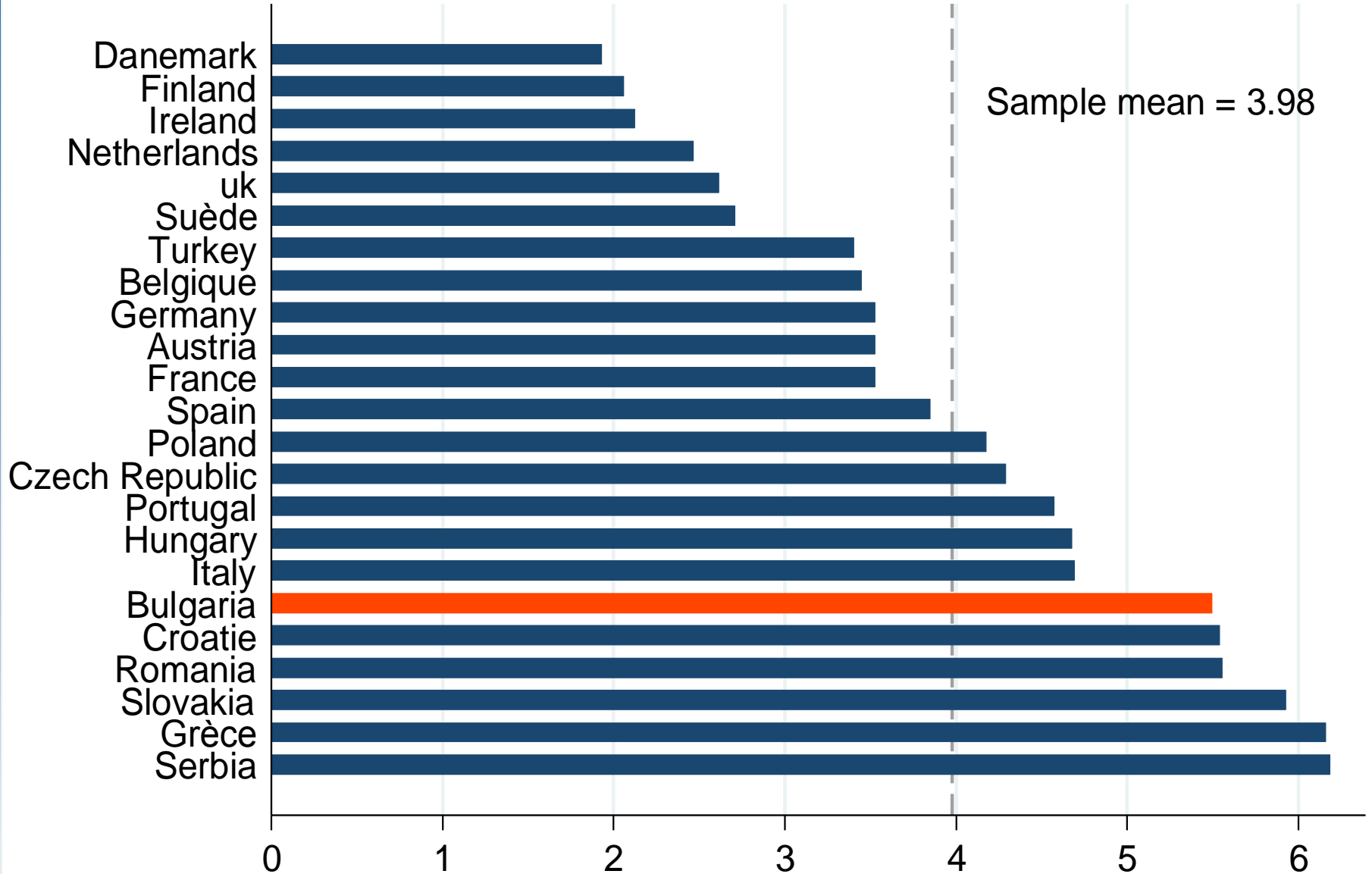


# BG regions in a comparative perspective

- Why do BG regions (and country) score relatively low on QoG?
- **Quality:** people rate education, health and law services among lowest in EU, in particular capital region (BG41)
- **Impartiality:** less of a problem - people rate services as somewhat favoring 'certain people', but only strongly so in BG41 in law enforcement
- **Corruption:** Health and law services seen as very corrupt (not education however), BG33 is perceived as cleaner. Experienced corruption (petty) is among highest in EU in BG41, BG33 & BG42.
- High regional variation..

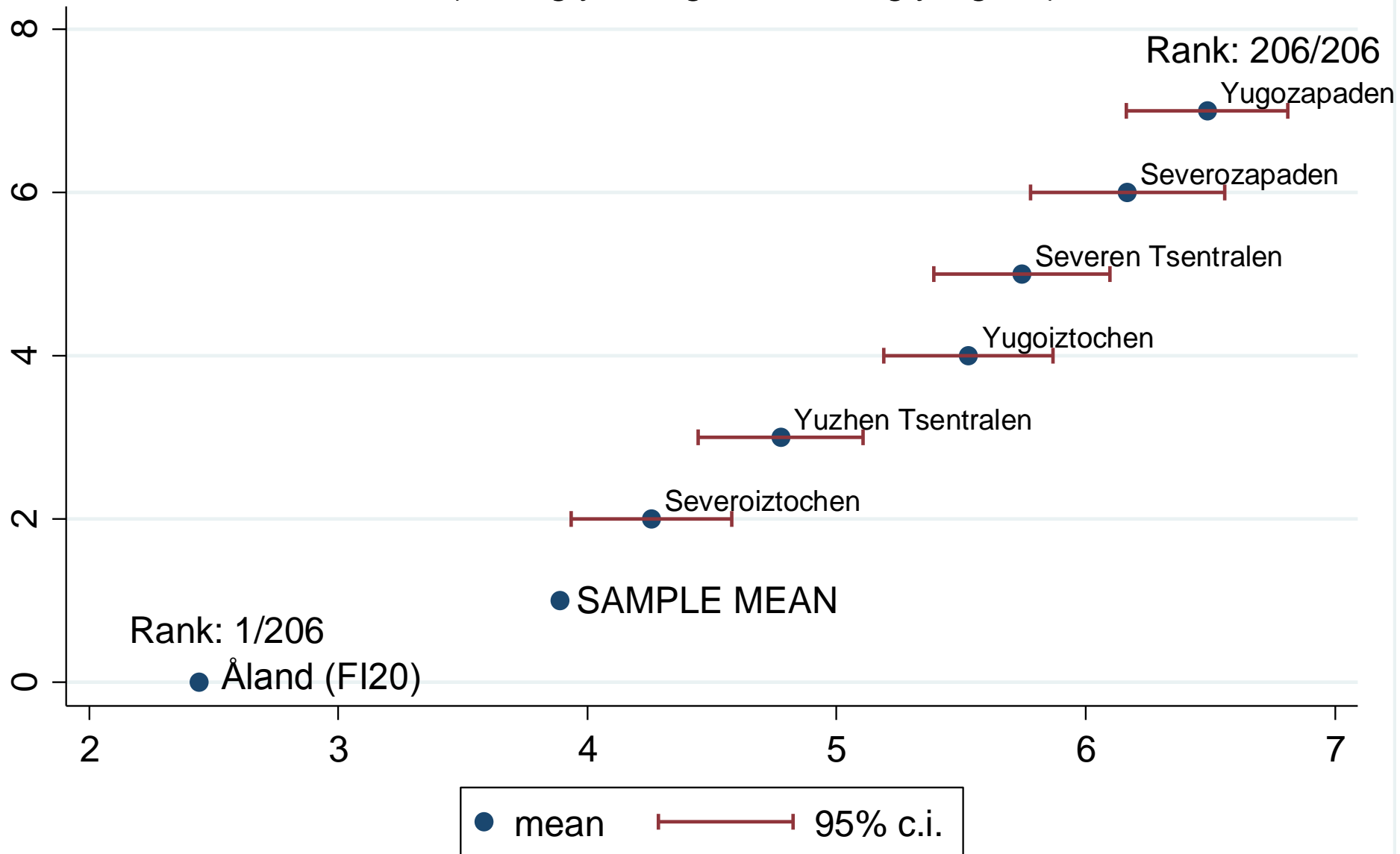
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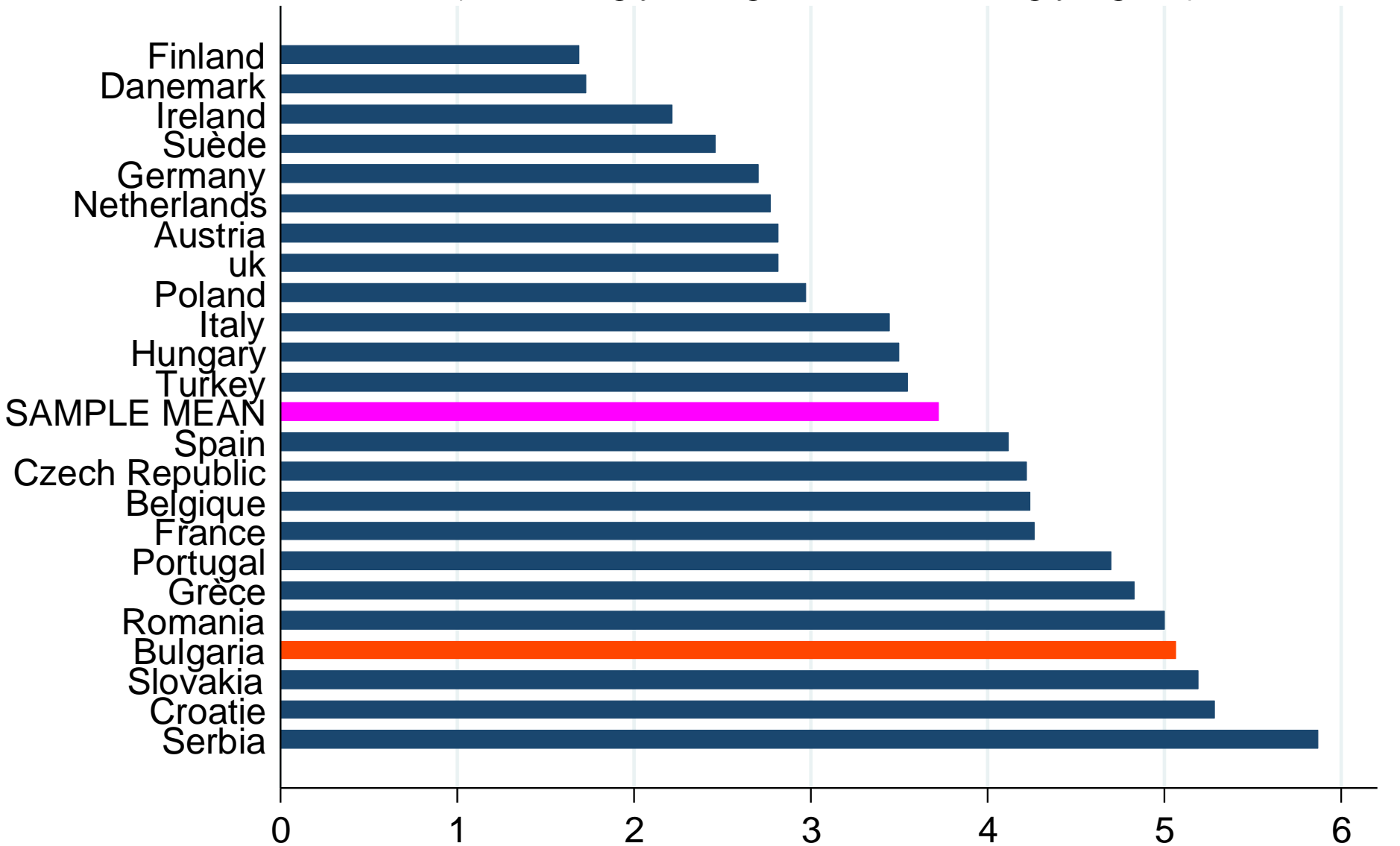
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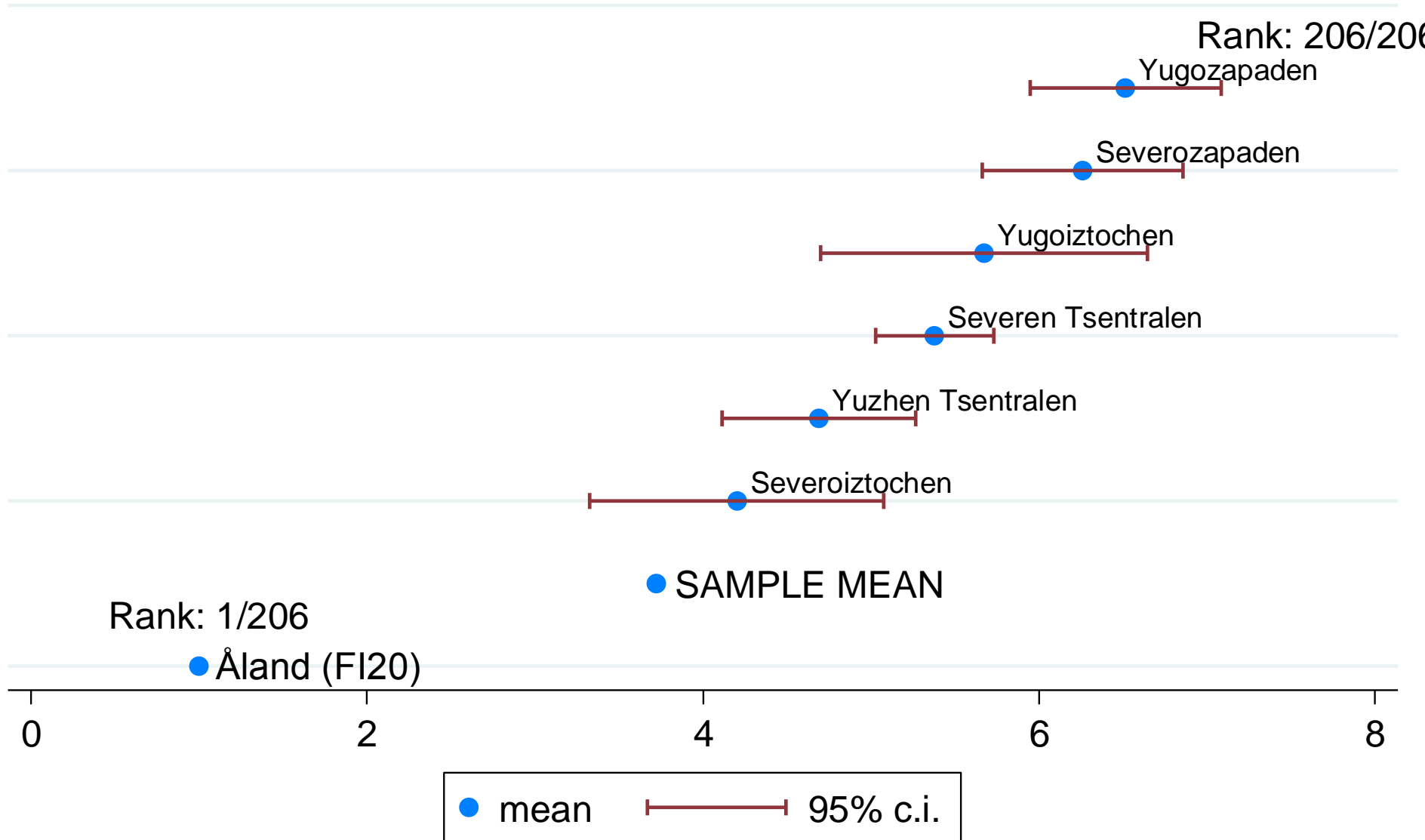
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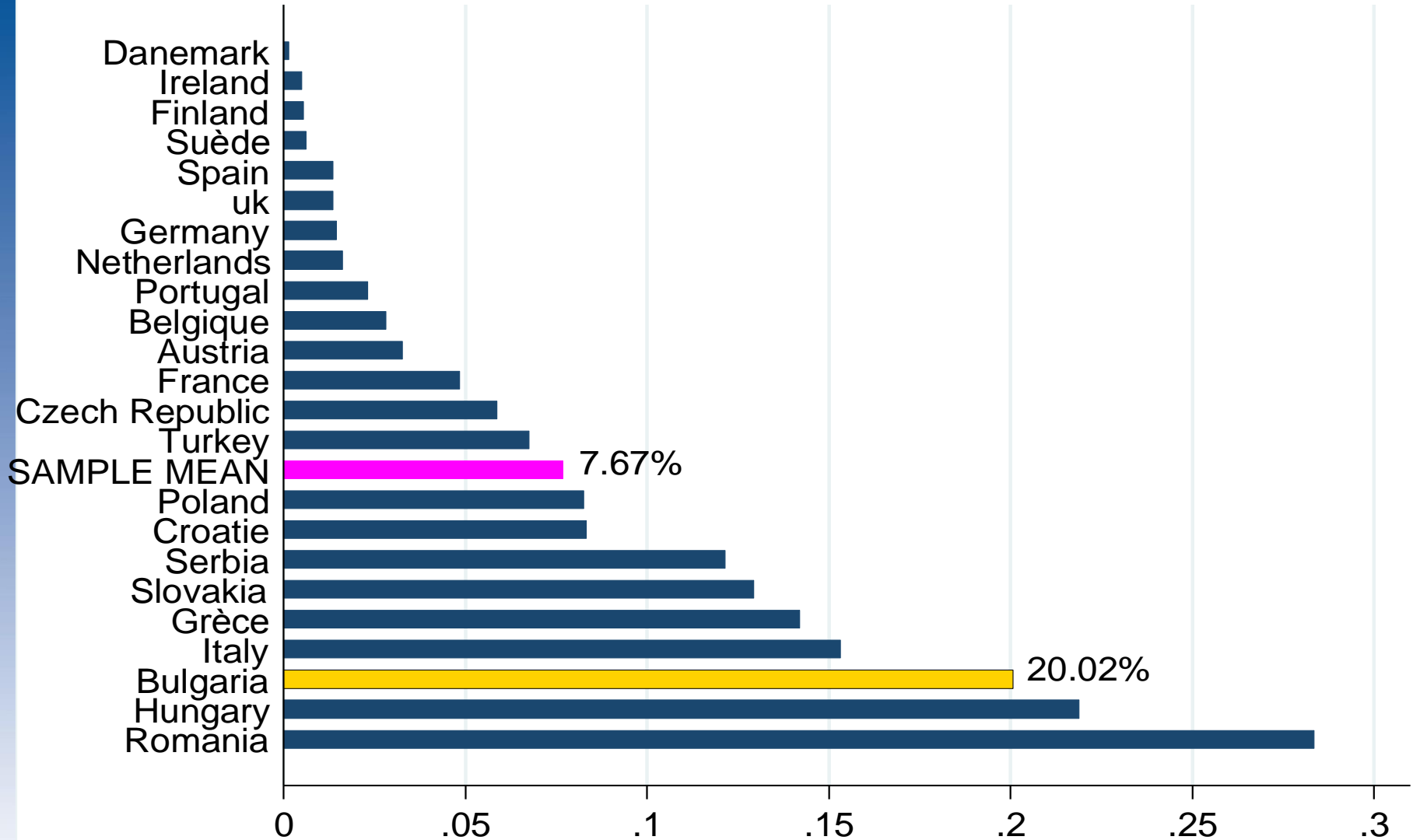
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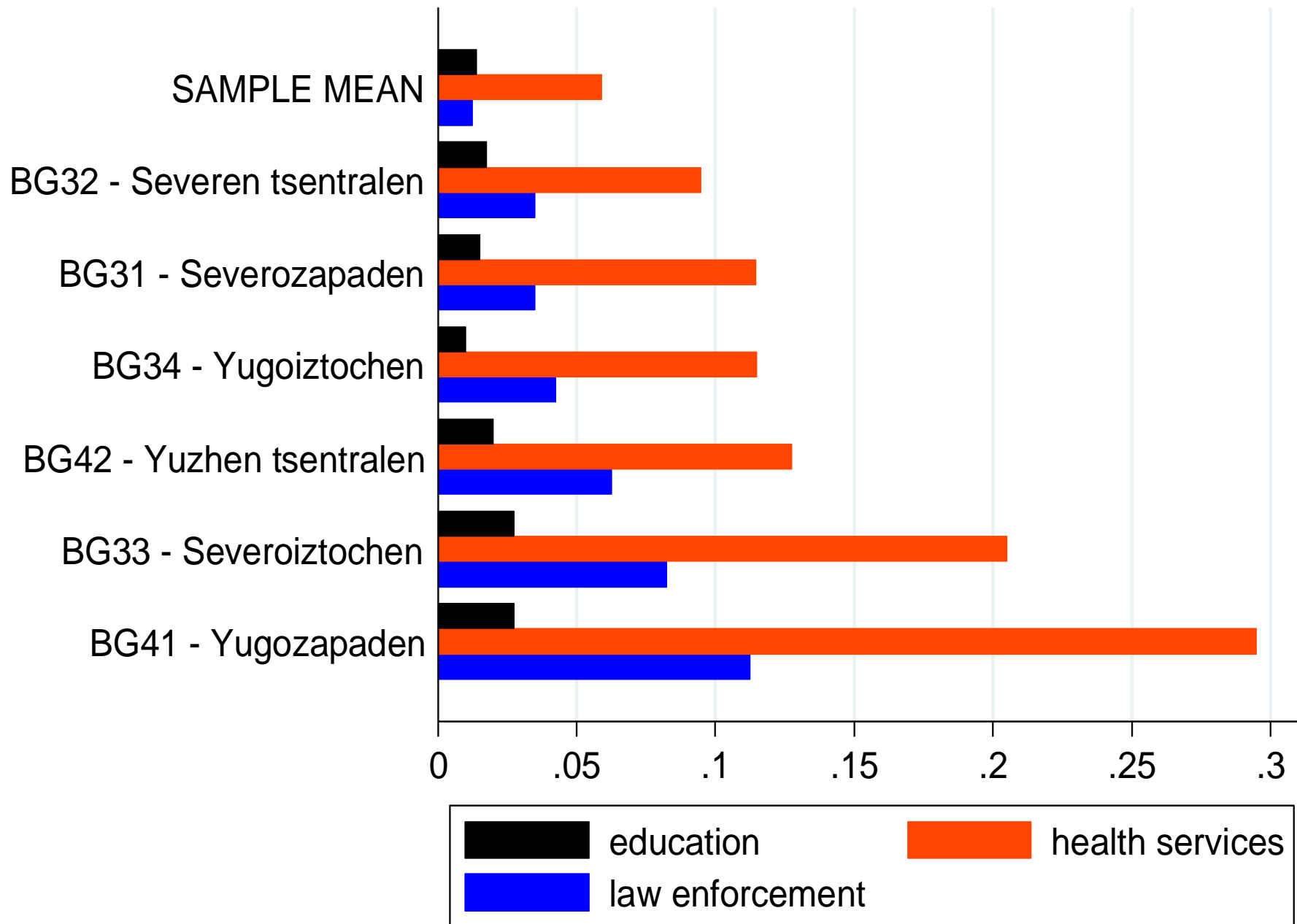


# Experience with corruption

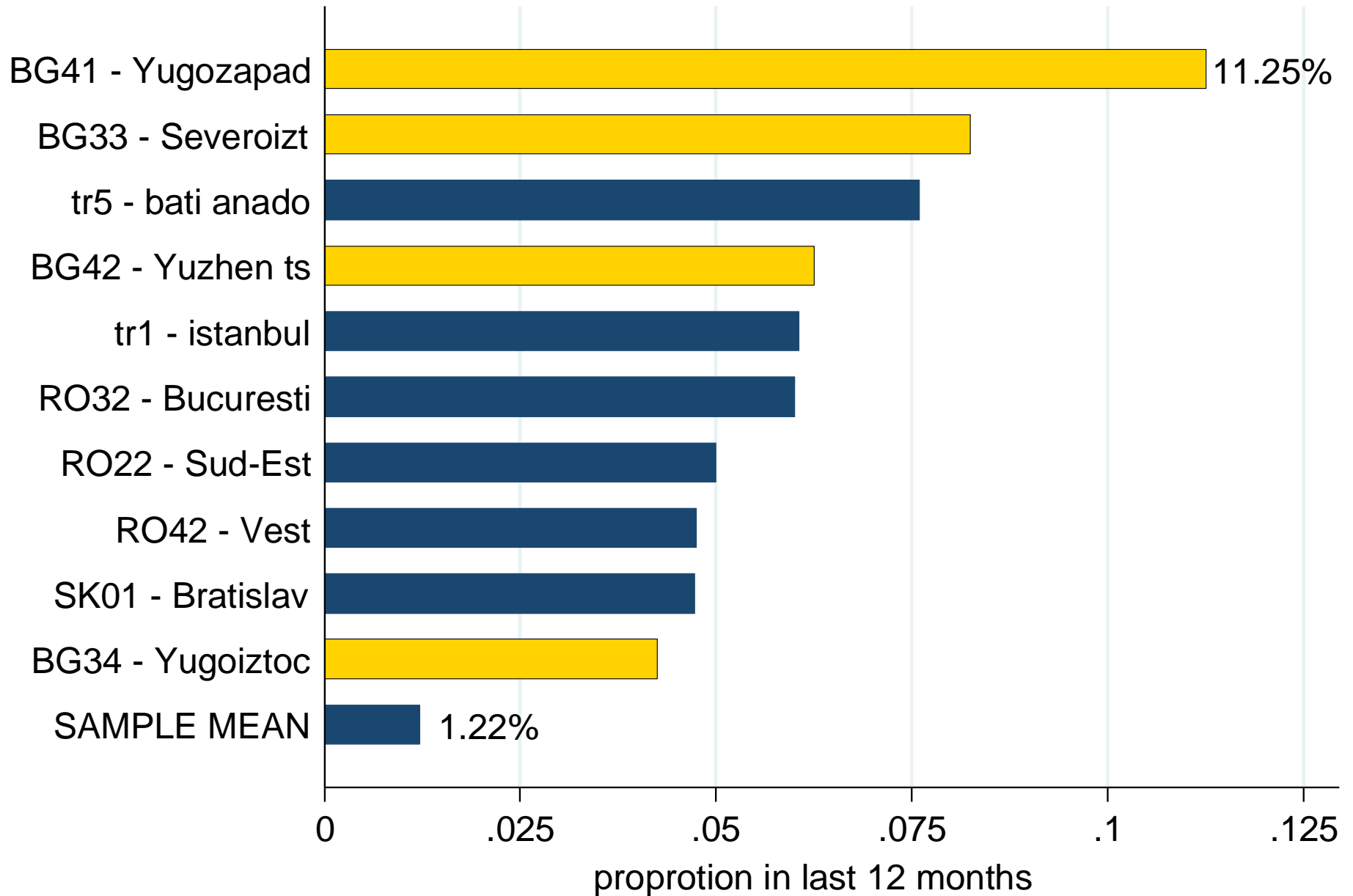
Proportion of respondents who paid a bibe in past 12 months



# Bribery in BG regions by service sector



# Bribery in Law Enforcement: Top 10 Regions



# Bribery in Health Services: Regions > 20%

